

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Albert Tsui on 3/11/2010 and 3/29/2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

Cancel claims 43,44,48,51 and 58.

Claim 56, line 2: delete "with" and insert in place thereof the following:

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Claim 59, line 2: insert after "essentially of" but before "Aedes aegypti" the following:

-- exposing an environment to a composition comprising --.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: In consideration of the above Examiner's Amendment and the Amendment (11/19/2009) and in reconsideration of the prior office actions and responses thereto, the claimed invention is neither expressly disclose nor fairly suggested by the prior art. The prior art does not disclose a method for attracting Aedes aegypti, Aedes albopictus or Anopheles albimanus by exposing an environment with Aedes aegypti, Aedes albopictus or Anopheles albimanus attracting amounts of lactic acid and butanone or lactic acid, butanone and dimethyl disulfide. Further, in view of the unpredictability of the art as to which compounds and combinations of compounds would be effective even as to

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specific mosquito species, it is unexpected that lactic acid and butanone or lactic acid, butanone and dimethyl disulfide would be effective in attracting *Aedes aegypti*, *Aedes albopictus* or *Anopheles albimanus*. See Office Action (9/30/2009), page 3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

A facsimile center has been established in Technology Center 1600. The hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 8:45 AM to 4:45 PM. The telecopier number for accessing the facsimile machine is 571-273-8300.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Frank Choi whose telephone number is (571)272-0610. Examiner maintains a compressed schedule and may be reached Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 6:00 am – 4:30 pm (EST).

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's Supervisor, Johann R. Richter, can be reached at (571)272-0646. Additionally, Technology Center 1600's Receptionist and Customer Service can be reached at (571) 272-1600.

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